

CHAPTER NO. 898**HOUSE BILL NO. 3175****By Representatives McMillan, Head, Shaw****Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2347****By Senators Kyle, Kurita**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 12, Part 1, relative to authorizing the county election commission to develop an Internet-based electronic filing process for use by candidates for local public office and all political campaign committees for a local election in such county or municipalities located in such county.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 12, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section to be designated as Section 2-12-117:

(a) Each county election commission is authorized to develop, with the advice, assistance and approval of the registry of election finance, an Internet-based electronic filing process for use by candidates for local public office and all political campaign committees for a local election in such county or in the municipalities located in such county that are required to file statements and reports with such county election commission.

(b) Such system shall provide each candidate and political campaign committee with secure access to the electronic filing system and provide safeguards against efforts to tamper or change the data in any way.

(c) Once the electronic filing system is completed and tested, the county election commission shall provide public notice that the system is operational and available for filers to commence use.

(d) If a county election commission decides to develop such an Internet-based electronic filing process, any and all costs for such development and Internet posting shall be an expenditure of such county election commission.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 19, 2004


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 8th day of June 2004


PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR